

SECTION 4

SCOTTISH OFFICE: TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

1954 - 1978

- 1954 *Ministry of Fuel and Power to SHD*: electricity in southern Scotland.
- 1955 *MAFF to DAFS*: (1) agricultural price guarantee scheme; (2) animal health.
MAFF to SED: the school milk scheme.
Lord Chancellor's Office to SHD: the appointment of JPs.
- 1956 *Ministry of Transport to SHD*: roads and bridges.
- 1960 *SHD to DAS (DAFS)*: (1) fisheries; (2) Highland ferry services.
SHD to SED: various responsibilities for children.
Local authorities to SED: student awards.
DAFS (DAS) to DHS: coast protection and flood prevention.
DAFS (DAS) to SHD: Highland township roads and roads in live-stock rearing areas.
- 1962 *SHD/DHS became SHHD/SDD*
 SHHD's responsibilities were: (1) home affairs, i.e. prisons, police, fire, civil defence and criminal justice; (2) health services.
 SDD's responsibilities were environmental and local government, i.e. planning, New Towns, housing, electricity, local authority finance and administration, tourism, water and sewerage, and clean air.
General Board of Control to SHHD: State Hospital at Carstairs.
- 1964 *Regional Development Division* set up in SDD reporting direct to the Permanent Under-Secretary of State.
- 1965 *SED to Scottish Certificate of Education Examination Board*: administration and running of SCE examinations.
SED to General Teaching Council: registration of teachers after probationary period.
SHHD to SED: National Galleries and National Museum of Antiquities.
SHHD to local probation committees: responsibility for after-care supervision of prisoners. Initially, responsibility shared with small central government staff but subsequently wholly transferred to probation service (now local authority social work department).
- 1966 *To SED*: training units from DAFS, SHHD and SDD setting up Scottish Office Training Unit.
Ministry of Public Buildings and Works to SDD: responsibility for the National Building Agency in Scotland, and for historic buildings.
- 1967 *Social Work Services Group* set up as a "joint unit" of SED and SHHD.
- 1968 *DAFS to Meat and Livestock Commission*: fatstock guarantee scheme.

DAFS to SDD: responsibility for HIBB and Highland transport.
Ministry of Transport to SDD: responsibility for bus and ferry services in Scotland.

- 1969 *Social Work Services Group* wholly responsibility of SED.
Ministry of Public Buildings and Works to SDD: policy responsibility for royal parks and gardens and ancient monuments.
- 1970 *DAFS to SDD*: responsibility for Highland piers.
To Central Services: (1) Permanent Under-Secretary of State's office; (2) chief statistician's office; (3) solicitor's office; (4) information office; (5) under-secretaries for finance and establishments; (6) Regional Development Division.
Civil Service Department to Central Services: Edinburgh Organisation and Management division.
- 1971 *To Central Services*: (1) establishment divisions from each department; (2) Scottish Office computer services and library from DAFS; (3) Scottish Office training unit from SED; (4) departmental liaison units in Dover House; (5) finance divisions from each department.
To SHHD: superannuation divisions to form Scottish Office superannuation division.
SHHD to Scottish Courts Administration: court services.
SED to Scottish Sports Council: certain grant-making powers for sport.
- 1972 *SDD*: appointment of chief reporter for public planning inquiries.
SHHD to Lord Advocate/Scottish Courts Administration: responsibility for Scottish Law Commission, Council on Tribunals and certain areas of law.
- 1973 *SEPD set up* with (1) RDD from Central Services; (2) responsibility for the HIBB, New Towns, electricity, transport, tourism and rural industries from SDD.
SHHD to DAFS: meat hygiene etc., milk and dairies hygiene.
SHHD to local authority social work departments: prison welfare service.
Central Services: management group formed.
- 1974 *SHHD to Common Services Agency (NHS)*: health education, research and intelligence, supplies.
- 1975 *SDD to Central Services*: local authority finance (including Rate Support Grant).
SDD: urban renewal unit set up.
Central Services to Commission for Local Authority Accounts: some functions on local authority audit.
Department of Industry to SEPD: selective help to industry and responsibility for export services.
SDD to Scottish Development Agency: derelict land reclamation.
SEPD to SDA: Small Industries Council for Rural Areas of Scotland.
Local Authorities to Secretary of Commissions (Central Services): appointment of General Commissioners of Income Tax.

- 1976 *DAFS to Health and Safety Executive*: agricultural safety inspectorate.
Directorate of Telecommunications responsible to Central Services as well as SHHD.
- 1977 *Department of Employment to SEPD*: Ministerial responsibility for the Manpower Services Commission in Scotland.
SEPD to SDD: transport.
- 1978 *Department of the Environment to SDD*: financial and management responsibility for royal parks, ancient monuments and rescue archaeology.